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**RE: New Jersey Letter of Intent  
Emerging Contaminants Grant Program (SDWA 1459A/WIIN)**

Dear Administrator Regan:

Please accept this letter as the State of New Jersey's notice of intent to participate in Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Communities Grant program to address emerging contaminants as authorized and appropriated under the Safe Drinking Water Act and Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act and further supported by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

New Jersey recognizes this unprecedented opportunity to facilitate greater investment in water infrastructure throughout our state, including projects that address emerging contaminants such as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). As you know, under Governor Phil Murphy's leadership, New Jersey became the first state in the nation to establish a drinking water maximum contaminant level for any PFAS. At this time, all community water systems and non-transient noncommunity water systems in New Jersey are required to monitor and comply with state promulgated MCLs for PFNA, PFOA and PFOS. These funds are needed to support the protection of public health through the installation of treatment at many of the public water systems that have exceeded an MCL for PFAS.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection will serve as the point of contact for this program, and information pertaining to the grant program should be directed to:

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My colleagues and I appreciate EPA's partnership and support in deploying historic investments in water infrastructure that will further our shared goal of protecting public health and the environment we share.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner

- c: Christine Ash, EPA Region 2, Chief, Drinking Water and Municipal Infrastructure Branch  
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